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1.0 INTRODUCTION

As part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) commitment to make the Federal government more efficient and more responsive to customers and to implement the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, HUD is automating invoice processing for the Section 236 Rental Housing Assistance Program – Interest Reduction Payments (S236 IRP). This effort to improve the overall financial management of the Section 236 IRP portfolio is sponsored by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO).

Currently, S236 IRP service providers mail invoices to HUD to obtain payment, which is a manually intensive process. HUD is automating this payment process using the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS, Internet version *e*LOCCS) to accommodate the receipt of electronic invoices via the Internet. The effort will streamline the payment process to ensure efficiency and accuracy. S236 IRP enhancements will include real-time approval of payment requests, access to payment schedules and history, and e-mail notifications of anticipated deposit dates and other *e*LOCCS actions.

1.1 Purpose of Guide

This guide provides an overview of required security components necessary for Section 236 *e*LOCCS access, with a description of how the components work together and how a user may request access to the security components. It also explains and depicts through user screens the S236 IRP-specific program functionality within *e*LOCCS.

1.2 eLOCCS/S236 IRP

*e*LOCCS provides Title II lenders, HUD Public Housing Authorities (PHA), Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administrators (PBCA), and other authorized HUD business partners with Internet access to LOCCS, HUD's primary disbursement system for grant and subsidy programs. *e*LOCCS provides internet access allowing authorized users the ability to query, manage, and initiate drawdown requests against their HUD program portfolios.

Projected for September 2005, *e*LOCCS will begin supporting the S236 IRP program. Service providers with the appropriate authorization access level will be able through *e*LOCCS to submit a voucher request for a total payment amount of insured and uninsured projects and to access query reporting features.

1.3 Hours of Operation

Monday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST Sunday Not Available

1.4 eLOCCS Browser Requirements

In concurrence with Secure Systems browser requirements, eLOCCS supports Internet Explorer 6.0.

1.5 Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
eLOCCS	Internet version of LOCCS
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FHA	Federal Housing Administration
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
ID	Identification
LOCCS	Line of Credit Control System
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
PBCA	Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administrators
PHA	Public Housing Authorities
PIH	Public and Indian Housing
REAC	Real Estate Assessment Center
S236 IRP	Section 236 Interest Reduction Payments
URL	Uniform Resource Locator (WWW address)
VRS	Voice Response System
WWW	World Wide Web

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2.1 Secure Systems and FHA Connection

HUD has many online systems available to the public and its business partners, with each online system often providing information or functionality for specific groups or organizations within the general housing industry. The two primary HUD online systems required for gain access to the 236/IRP program in *e*LOCCS are **Secure Systems** and **FHA Connection**. Both Secure Systems and FHA Connection serve as an internet gateway between the general public and internal HUD applications, each serving a specific set of HUD business partners.

Secure Systems is sponsored by the Office of Public and Indian Housings (PIH) Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC). Secure Systems (sometimes referred to as Online Systems) is the general name for the front-end security component controlling access to a suite of PIH systems supporting PHAs, Section 8 PBCAs, and business partners in the multifamily housing industry.

Each of these business partners ultimately receive directly from HUD the subsidy, grant, and/or loan payments to support the many HUD programs funded by Congress each fiscal year. LOCCS, sponsored by OCFO, has been responsible for the disbursement of these funds since 1984. In October 2000, *e*LOCCS was implemented as a component of REAC's suite of systems under Secure Systems, allowing direct internet access of PIH and Housing-authorized business partners to their HUD portfolio funds.

FHA Connection is the front-end security component allowing Federal Housing Administration (FHA) approved lenders to have real-time access to a number of FHA systems for the purpose of originating and servicing FHA loans.

Generally, FHA Connection users (mortgage lenders) do not need to access any applications under Secure Systems. There are exceptions; and Section 236 IRP Service Providers, who will need to access eLOCCS under Secure Systems, is one of them.

2.1.1 Coordinators and User

The security components for both FHA Connection and Secure Systems are basically identical. Each recognizes two types of trusted business partner users: coordinators and users. In most cases, coordinators perform only system administration functions. These functions include establishing their profile as coordinator to HUD systems and activating users by assigning systems and roles.



This guide only contains an overview of the FHA Connection registration process. Additional FHA Connection registration information can be found at https://entp.hud.gov/clas/info.html.

Because of the security similarities, FHA Connection was modified to share its security profile with Secure Systems for selected applications. *e*LOCCS has been added to this list, and lenders who participate in the S236 program may now request *e*LOCCS "system access" through FHA

Connection. Once *e*LOCCS "system access" is assigned in FHA Connection, a user can sign-on directly to Secure System with the same FHA Connection User Identification (User ID) and password and select *e*LOCCS from the list of authorized systems menu.



Secure Systems only controls system-level access for *e*LOCCS and displays the *e*LOCCS application link on its menu. Application-level security is maintained by *e*LOCCS and OCFO. This is a separate security component necessary before full access to *e*LOCCS is allowed (for details, see Section 2.2).

2.1.2 Assigning eLOCCS Application Roles in FHA Connection

As part of an FHA coordinator administrative function, coordinators assign applications and roles in FHA Connection to themselves or a user. To perform the assignment of *e*LOCCS application and roles, go to the following FHA Connect URL:

https://entp.hud.gov/clas/index.html

Select the Sign On icon and enter your user name and password to sign into FHA Connection when prompted. Select the OK button or press the Enter key. Then click on the ID Maintenance icon which will retrieve the ID Maintenance page. From this page, select the FHA Connection ID Administration link. Then Enter the FHA User ID in the FHA ID input box and click the Send button. The FHA Connection ID Administration page will display. Scroll down to the Line of Credit Control System Application (*e*LOCCS), mark the Query and/or Administrator check boxes, and then click the Send button. The Coordinator, in performing this administrative function, assigns the *e*LOCCS application and roles to the user in Secure Systems.

All users should minimally be assigned the Query role. Additionally, adding the Administrator role allows the user to maintain the eLOCCS e-mail matrix for the business partner (discussed in the future Section 4). Users who will need to submit vouchers will request the authority on the HUD-27054 described in Section 2.2.

2.2 **eLOCCS** Security Registration

As previously noted, *e*LOCCS also has application-level security requiring a User ID and password. This is a LOCCS only User ID and password and is separate from the FHA Connection User ID and password. A user will be prompted for a LOCCS User ID and password after selecting the *e*LOCCS link from the Secure Systems menu.

As the primary program cash management application for the Department, LOCCS is responsible for the final automated disbursement decision of billions in annual HUD appropriations. Because of the sensitive financial nature of *e*LOCCS, this additional level of security is required.

2.2.1 LOCCS VRS Access Authorization Security Form (HUD-27054)

*e*LOCCS application level security is maintained through the submission of a LOCCS VRS Access Authorization Security Form HUD-27054.



Initial LOCCS Business Partner access was through a touch-tone phone in 1990. This Voice Response System (VRS) technology used synthesized speech to guide the user through menus and options. LOCCS access required a 6-digit User ID and password; and, because of touch-tone limitations, both the ID and password were all numeric. LOCCS continues to support VRS; and, the LOCCS User ID and password remain all numeric, even when used through *e*LOCCS.

A HUD-27054 form must be completed for each staff member of the recipient organization who will perform query or drawdown functions for S236 IRP. The completed form (which must be notarized and signed by an Approving Official) is sent to the appropriate Program Office for review and verification. Following review, the Program Office staff will send the original form to the LOCCS Security Office for assignment of a LOCCS User ID. The user will receive a new user letter containing a 6-digit numeric LOCCS User ID in 7 to 10 business days after the LOCCS Security approval process.

If a user already has a valid *e*LOCCS ID, but does not have access to LOCCS program area S236, the HUD-27054 needs to be completed but it does not require a notary for adding the new program area. Upon completion, the form may be faxed to the OCFO Security Office at 202-708-4350

OCFO Security will only accept faxed forms under the following conditions 1) to add a new program area to an existing profile, 2) resetting an existing users password, 3)change mailing address, and 4) terminate users.

Additional information and a copy of a HUD-27054 LOCCS form can be obtained at the following URL:

http://www.hudclips.org/sub_nonhud/html/forms.htm > HUD-2* > HUD-27054 Voice Response System > Select PDF Form

The following figures depict what the user will view after accessing the above URL.



Browse or search all forms in HUDCLIPS

Forms are available in either PDF, Microsoft Excel, or Microsoft Word template formats. However, **all forms are not available in all of these formats**. Separate viewers are required for each document format. Forms currently not available in HUDCLIPS can be ordered from <u>HUD's Direct Distribution System</u>.

Browse

<u>List all</u> of the forms contained in the Forms database. Forms will be displayed in groups of 100. Click on the **Next List** icon at the top of the page to go to the next set of 100.

Search

To Search by form number, click on one of the searches below: (the form number will begin with one of the following prefixes)

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HUD-1*	HUD-4*	HUD-7*	<u>FHA-*</u>
HUD-2*	HUD-5*	HUD-8*	SAMS-*
HUD-3*	HUD-6*	<u>HUD-9*</u>	Ginnie Ma

Requesting a Form

If you are looking for a particular form that we do not have available, please let us know by sending email to hudclips@hudclips.org. We will make every attempt to obtain a copy and then send you email to let you know. Chances are if you are looking for it then another user is too!

Before submitting a request, please read the following:

- Make sure the form you are searching for is a HUD form.
- 2. Send the exact form number and form title so that we can better assist you (contact you local HUD office if you do not know one of these two things--a list of local HUD offices can be found at www.hud.gov/directory/ascdir3.html).

Figure 2-1. HUDCLIPS

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       HID-20
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       HUD-20A
                              Requisition for Visual Arts Services
       HUD-200
                              Canceled: check transmittal
       HUD-20000-A
                              Idea$ Submission Form
      HUD-2002
                              Canceled: SUMMARY OF MORTGAGE PAYMENTS
      HID-2003-H-01
                              Don't Be A Victim of Loan Fraud
      HUD-2003-13-CPD
8
                              HOME Program Rehabilitation Tune-up Kit
      HUD-200.2
                              Adjustment of Overtime Hours
       HUD-2022
                              SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS
      HUD-27009-F
      HUD-27011
131
                              Single-Family Application for Insurance Benefits
132
      HUD-27011-A
                              Instructions for Single Family Application for Insurance Benefits (PDF)
      HUD-27012
133
                              FEHB Premium Conversion Waiver/Election Form
      HUD-27014
134
                              Lockbox Payment Remittance Form
135
      HUD-27027
                              RELOCATION INCOME TAX ALLOWANCE
136
      HUD-27029
                              Title I Refinancing Report
137
      HUD-27030
                              Title I Transfer of Note Report
138
      HUD-27032-B
                              Canceled: Multifamily Mortgage Insurance Premium Billing Statement and
      HUD-27038
                              *** Official Receipt
140
      HUD-27045
                              Invoice Approval For Contract/Purchasing & Training
141
      HUD-27050-A
                              Mortgage Insurance Termination
142
      HID-27050-B
                              Application for Premium Refund or Distributive Share Program [call 800-697-6967 to order]
143
      HUD-27050-C
                              FHA Homeowner Fact Sheet
144
      HUD-27051
                              National Credit Bureau Referral System (A-49) Data Entry
145
      HUD-27053
                              Request Voucher for Grant Payment
146
      HUD-27053-A
                              Special Needs Assistance Program
147
      HUD-27053-B
                              Shelter Plus Care
      HUD-27054
                              Voice Response System
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Figure 2-2. HUD Forms List

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Voice Response System

Form Number: HUD-27054

Click Here or type Alt-p for Fillable, PDF Form Acrobat 5.0 or higher is recommended. (6/2003)
link to eLOCCS user's guide

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Figure 2-3. PDF Form Link

The HUD-27054 form will appear in PDF format when the link on page 2-3 is accessed. Detailed instructions for filling out the LOCCS VRS Access Authorization Security Form are presented on the second page. However, there is specific program information required in sections 5a/b/c of the form: LOCCS Program Area, Program Name, and Access Level. In sections 5a/b, enter **S236** for the LOCCS

Program Area and **S236/IRP** for Program Name. For Section 5c, all users should minimally request Query level access in this section to view the *e*LOCCS IRP portfolio. Additionally, users that need to perform a voucher draw should request project drawdown access.

The completed LOCCS VRS HUD-27054 form (which must be notarized) is sent to the appropriate Program Office for review and verification. Following review, the Program Office staff will send the original forms to the LOCCS Security Office for assignment of a LOCCS User ID. Once approved by LOCCS Security, the user will receive a 'new user' letter within 7 to 10 business days that contains the LOCCS User ID and instructions for the user to create a password. The HUD-27054 User ID must be recertified every 6 months. Each LOCCS user's Approving Official will be notified of this process.

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3.0 SIGNING ON TO eLOCCS

3.1 What You Need Before You Sign-on

• An FHA Connection User ID and password.

If you do not have an FHA Connection User ID and password, see section 2.1.1 and talk to your Coordinator.

• The eLOCCS application assigned to your FHA Connection User ID and proper *e*LOCCS roles assigned.

If these are not assigned, see section 2.1.2 and talk to your Coordinator.

A LOCCS User ID and password.

If you do not have a LOCCS User ID and password, see section 2.2.1 regarding HUD-27054 submission.

3.2 Two Sign-on Options

Once the three security components described in 3.1 are in place, there are two options for signing on to *e*LOCCS.

1) Sign-on to FHA Connection by accessing the following URL:

https://entp.hud.gov/clas/index.html

The FHA Connection Home page displays. Click the Sign On icon. Enter your FHA Connection User Name (ID) and password; select the OK button or click the Enter key. Select the Multi Family FHA link on the menu; then select the *e*LOCCS – Line of Credit Control System link. This *e*LOCCS link only sends you to the Secure Systems sign-on page (via the REAC Online Systems page where you click the Log In button) and then you are required to re-enter your FHA Connection User ID and password again to enter Secure Systems. The Legal Warning page displays; click on the Continue button, and you are now in Secure Systems. Select the Line of Cost Control System (*e*LOCCS) application link and enter your LOCCS User ID and password when prompted.

-OR-

2) Sign-on to Secure Systems directly by accessing the following URL:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/online/reasyst.cfm

The REAC Online Systems screen displays; click on the Log In button. Enter your FHA Connection User ID and password; the Legal Warning page displays. Click the Continue button. In Secure Systems, select the *e*LOCCS application link and enter your LOCCS User ID and password.

Figure 3-1 illustrates the two sign-on methods.

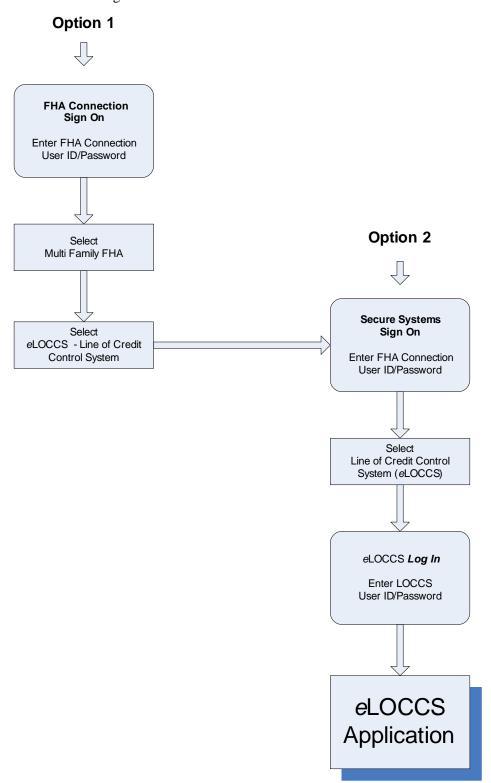


Figure 3-1. Two eLOCCS Sign-on Options

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4.0 eLOCCS APPLICATION FUNCTIONS

Sign-on requirements are explained in Section 3.0, Signing on to *e*LOCCS. After securing the required user IDs and passwords, the user will see the following figures from the Secure Systems (also known as Online Systems) screens.

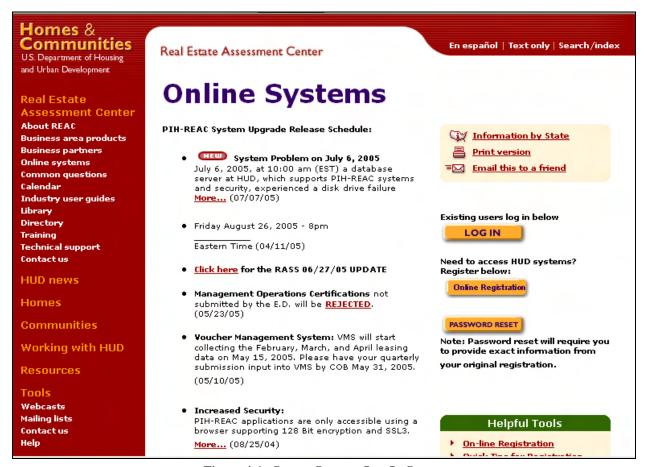


Figure 4-1. Secure Systems Log In Screen

Referring to Figure 4-1, the user will click on the Log In button. Figure 4-2, Secure Systems User Login screen, will display. Users will enter their previously obtained FHA Connection User ID and password and then click on the Log In button. The User Login Warning screen (Figure 4-3) displays. The user should press the Continue button. The Main Menu (Figure 4-4) displays subsystems that have been assigned to the user. The user selects and double clicks on the Line of Credit Control System (eLOCCS) hyperlink.

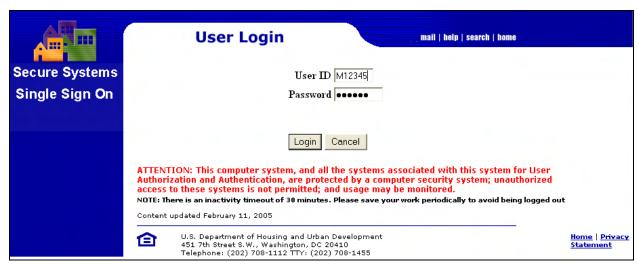


Figure 4-2. Secure Systems Sign On Screen

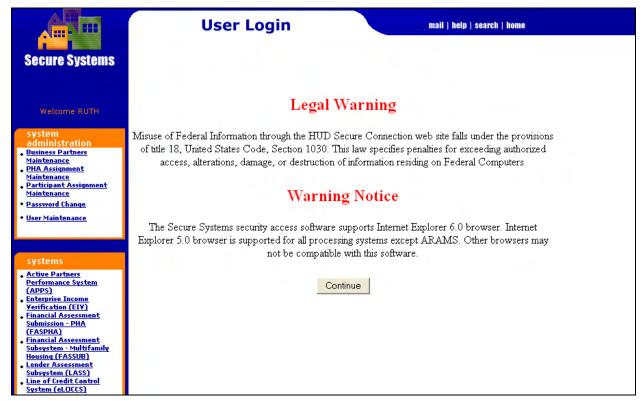


Figure 4-3. User Login Warning Screen

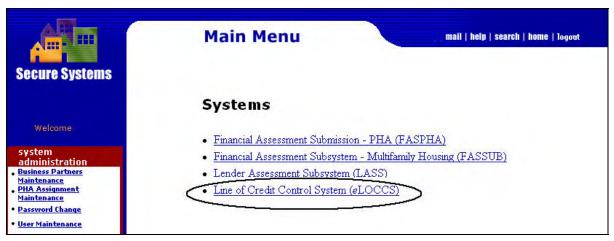


Figure 4-4. Secure Systems Main Menu Screen

The next screen to display is the eLOCCS Log In screen (Figure 4-5), which requires the user to have previously obtained a LOCCS User ID and password (see Section 2.2). After filling the required fields, the user clicks the Log In button.



Figure 4-5. eLOCCS Log In Screen

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After providing the LOCCS User ID and password and clicking the Log In button, the LOCCS Authorizations screen (Figure 4-6) appears, showing the Program Area, Program Area Name, Authorization, and Service Provider Tax ID number. This is the information mapped to your LOCCS ID and submitted on the HUD-27054 (Section 2.2.1). To continue, the user should click on the S236 hyperlink.

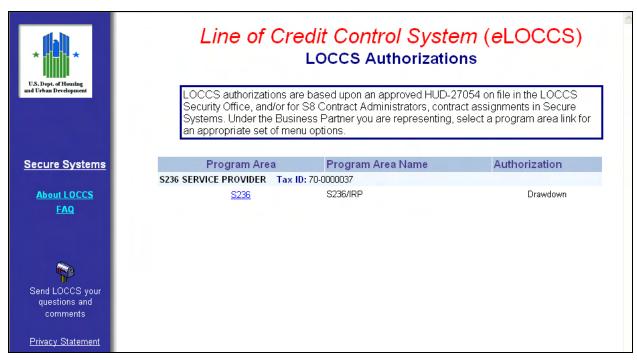


Figure 4-6. eLOCCS Authorizations Screen

An Information screen (Figure 4-7) will appear if the primary email address for the user's organization has not been provided. Execute the necessary steps, and then click OK. The *e*LOCCS S236 Service Provider Main Menu screen (Figure 4-8) displays. Further information on *e*LOCCS emails is in Section 4.2.3.



Figure 4-7. eLOCCS Information Screen

4.2 Main Menu Options

A variety of information is available through eLOCCS; but, depending upon a user's program area authority, menu options may vary. Figure 4-8 shows an example of a Main Menu page in which the Service Provider Program (S236) was selected from the eLOCCS Authorization page. The left sidebar provides the user with the following options:

Secure System – Returns the user to the Secure Systems Main Menu.

User Profile – Displays user information, roles assigned, and *e*LOCCS HUD-27054 authority access level

Change Password – Every 60 days, users will be prompted by *e*LOCCS to change their passwords. This option allows users to change their password prior to the 60 days, which resets the password change date in *e*LOCCS.

About eLOCCS – Displays basic eLOCCS information, hours of operation, points of contact, etc.

FAQ – Reference to frequently asked questions.

Authorizations – Returns the user to the *e*LOCCS Authorization Screen.

Mailbox – Displays the *e*LOCCS electronic mailbox for users' questions and comments.

The Main Menu options as depicted in Figure 4-8 are described in the subsections that follow.

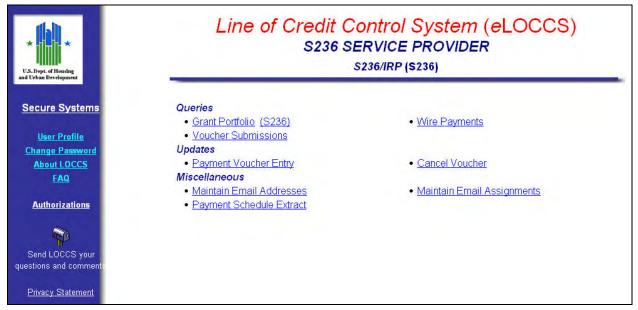


Figure 4-8. eLOCCS S236 Main Menu

As a user drills down into eLOCCS data through hyperlinks, the system tracks the path that appears on the eLOCCS navigation bar as hyperlinks. The navigation bar provides the user with a hyperlink trail for returning to a previous page. Figure 4-9 shows the navigation bar, indicating the user started at Menu > Portfolio > Project Information and ended on the Voucher Details page. To return to any of the previous pages, click the desired hyperlink on the eLOCCS navigation bar.

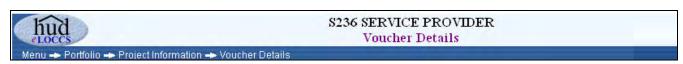


Figure 4-9. Navigational Trail Hyperlinks



Browsers provide a "Back" button that takes a user to a previous page. *e*LOCCS strongly recommends users refrain from using this button. Users should use the *e*LOCCS-provided navigation trail. This is especially important when performing updates. Using the browser's "Back" button will retrieve old documents that may not reflect the LOCCS database, which is constantly changing.

4.2.1 Queries

4.2.1.1 Grant Portfolio

Under Queries, the Grant Portfolio (S236) hyperlink displays All Grants in the user's portfolio (Figure 4-10). If the user's organization receives funding for other than the S236 program, those grants will be listed as well. For most S236 providers, the All Grants and S236 tabs will be identical. The portfolio page offers a budget snapshot of grant information with available balance amounts including any new grants that have been assigned to the Portfolio within the past 30 days. A new icon will be displayed next to the grant for 30 days. A lock icon represents a suspension. Click on the grant to view the details on why it has been suspended.

In this example, clicking on Grant number 084-44126 retrieves additional information on the project with a General tab set as default. The General tab details organizational information, contract dates, and funding information specific to that project (Figure 4-11).

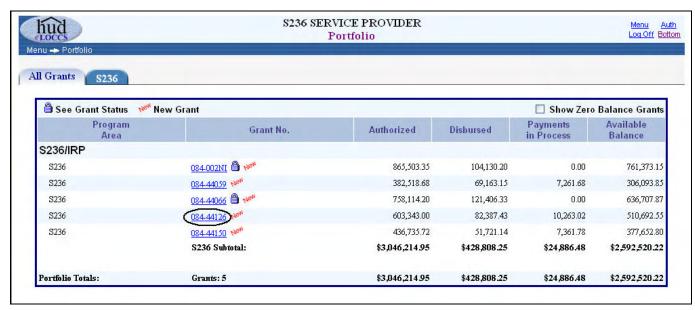


Figure 4-10. User's Portfolio

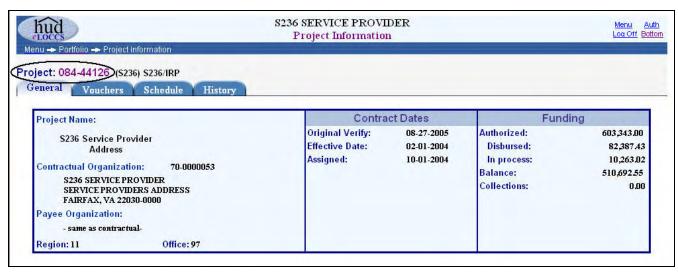


Figure 4-11. S236 Project Information Screen (General)

The voucher tab (Figure 4-12) shows general voucher information for the particular project. The Voucher tab lists the period of each voucher, the date/time entered, voucher amount and initial load vouchers. Since Project subsidy detail payments were not maintained in *e*LOCCS prior to 10-01-04, payments prior to this period are reflected in an 'initial load voucher' with a voucher period of 09-30-04. Additionally, subsequent project subsidy payments from 10-01-04 through the time when the project becomes active in *e*LOCCS are reflected through individual initial load vouchers months. For instance, there may be one large 09-30-04 initial load voucher covering the first subsidy payment through 09-30-04 (as shown in line one), and 12 or more initial load vouchers covering 10-01-04 through 09-01-05, and possibly beyond.

Voucher numbers can be selected to retrieve descriptive information about that voucher. In this example, voucher number 100-000078 is selected and the Summary Voucher Screen is displayed (Figure 4-13). At a minimum, the Summary and Detail tab will appear for each voucher on the Voucher Details page (Figure 4-14). Vouchers contain projects that have been submitted for payment. See Section 4.2.2.1 on submitting a voucher. Clicking on the Detail tab provides a Detail Voucher screen (Figure 4-14) that lists all vouchers that have been accepted and/or rejected. A Rejects tab will appear if there are any projects submitted in the voucher that have been rejected or canceled by *e*LOCCS. Click the Rejects tab to view Project Numbers that have been rejected from the voucher and the reason for the rejection.

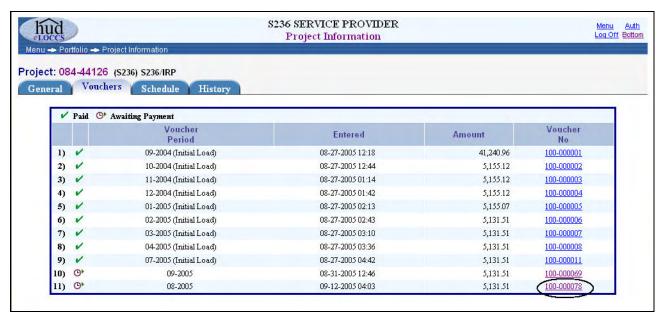


Figure 4-12. Voucher Tab Screen

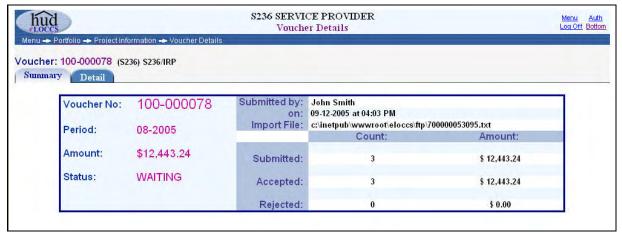


Figure 4-13. Voucher Summary Screen

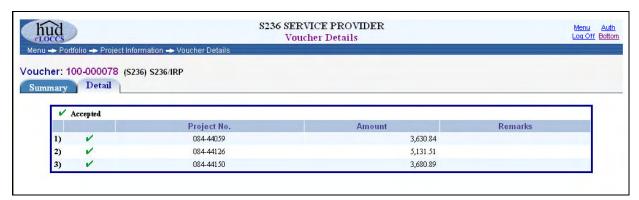


Figure 4-14. Voucher Detail Screen

The Schedule tab from the Project Information page (Figure 4-11) shows a monthly breakdown of each subsidy's due date, total amount, payments submitted (paid or in process), and any difference between the subsidy amount and the payment for a specific grant.

In line 1, the Schedule screen (Figure 4-15) shows a collapsed range of voucher period dates to reflect one subsidy payment amount. As mentioned previously, this is part of the initial loading process of project subsidy payments dates from 10-01-03 through 09-30-04, since project subsidy payments were not in *e*LOCCS prior to 10-01-04. Also, subsequent project subsidy payments from 10-01-04 through the time when the project becomes active in *e*LOCCS are reflected through individual initial monthly load vouchers.

The amounts in the 'In Process' column display project subsidy payment requests that have been submitted and accepted by *e*LOCCS, but not paid. A payment cycle is performed each night by LOCCS, selecting payments 2 business days prior to their scheduled payment due date. Payments for that period are packaged and sent to Treasury for deposit in the recipient's bank account on the payment due date, unless the payment due date falls on a weekend or banking holiday. In that case, the deposit is scheduled for the next banking day following the payment due date. The 'Paid' amounts column signifies project subsidy payments that have been sent from HUD to Treasury for payment.



Figure 4-15. Schedule Screen

The History tab (Figure 4-16) provides project information regarding the event, date and responsible party, any additional remarks, and references for a specific grant.



Figure 4-16. History Screen

4.2.1.2 Wire Payments

The Wire Payments option displays daily summaries of all Wire/Check payments made to the Business Partner. Click on the 'No of Payments' column in Figure 4-17 to view the Wire Payments Detail page (Figure 4-18). The LOCCS voucher disbursements made on the Payment Cycle Date also appear on this page. Click on the voucher number to retrieve general information about the voucher.



Figure 4-17. Wire/Check Payments

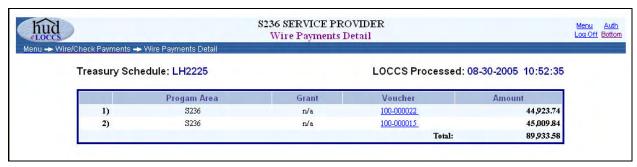


Figure 4-18. Wire Payments Detail

4.2.1.3 Voucher Submissions

The Voucher Submissions option displays a snapshot of vouchers that have been accepted and/or rejected by *e*LOCCS (Figure 4-19). Click on the voucher number hyperlink to retrieve descriptive information about that specific voucher.



Figure 4-19. Voucher Submissions Screen

4.2.2 Updates

4.2.2.1 Submitting a Voucher

*e*LOCCS provides Service Providers the ability to submit a single voucher containing individual subsidy requests for each of their S236 projects in their portfolio. The individual project subsidy amounts must be imported into the voucher process from an external tab-delimited file containing three columns:

- Voucher Period (MM-YYYY)
- HUD Project number
- Payment Amount Request

Whether Service Providers have one project in their portfolio or 1,000, the voucher detail must be contained in an external tab-delimited file. Accepted project payments will be summed up, and a single wire transfer to the Service Provider will be made that is payable on the 1st of the month of the submitted voucher period. If the 1st falls on a weekend or banking holiday, LOCCS will schedule payment for deposit the first business day following the 1st of the month. If the voucher request is for a past subsidy voucher period, payment will be made that night in LOCCS for a scheduled deposit in 2 business days.

It is up to Service Providers to create the external tab-delimited file by whatever method is available to them. Whether manually created or created through their accounting software, as long as the three columns are defined and delimited by a tab character, *e*LOCCS will accept the file. Although not required by HUD, it is recommended that the file name be unique each month for tracking purposes. Section 4.2.2.2 provides an example of how to manually create the file using Microsoft Excel.



For service providers submitting a voucher for HUD-Held properties, the local file name must be in [yyyymm-#######.txt] format, where ####### is an 8 digit SF-1081 number. eLOCCS utilizes this file name format to extract the SF-1081 number and generate appropriate HUD accounting transactions. A reminder message will appear if the file name is not in the specified format (Figure 4-26).

4.2.2.2 Manually Creating a Tab-Delimited File

Most spreadsheet applications such as Microsoft Excel can be used to create this file. Figure 4-20 is an example of a tab-delimited payment file containing the three data columns created in Excel. Below are tips for creating the file.

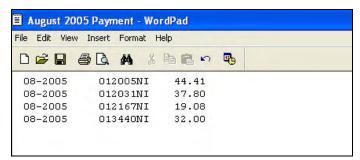


Figure 4-20. Tab De-Limited Payment File



Tips for Creating a Tab-Delimited Text File from Microsoft Excel

- Format the three column headings in a blank Excel spreadsheet prior to entering any data. Column 'A' will be for entering voucher period date, Column 'B' the HUD project number and Column 'C' payment requests.
- Columns 'A' and 'B" must have a text format. Highlight both columns and right click to view the list of options. Choose 'Format Cells' and then select 'Text' from the list under the 'Number' category tab. Click 'OK' (Figure 4-21.) This allows the voucher period date column to have the 'mm-yyyy' format as well as set column data.
- Column 'C', the payment amount request column, must have a number format. Highlight column 'C' and right click to access the 'Format Cells' options. Select 'Number' under the 'Number' category list tab and select '2' to specify 'Decimal places'. Click 'OK' (Figure 4-22).
- Enter all project subsidy information in their respective data columns.
- Verify file before converting.

- To convert the Microsoft Excel to a tab-delimited file, save the Excel File as 'Text (Tab delimited)' under 'Save as type' and choose the desired 'Save in' directory, Figure 4-23. Enter a local file name.
- For a HUD-Held voucher, the local file name must be in [yyyymm-######.txt] format when converting, where ####### is an 8 digit 1081 number (Figure 4-26).
- Since the selected file does not support multiple sheets, click 'OK' if prompted (Figure 4-24).
- You may see a prompt alert that the file may contain features not compatible with the text file. Click 'Yes' to keep work in this format (Figure 4-25). As a result, a tab-delimited file (Figure 4-20) is created and saved from the original Excel spreadsheet file.
- It is important to note that when exiting the Excel file, select 'No' to save changes since the file has already been saved. This will prevent the duplication of saving the file and closing out the window prompts mentioned above.

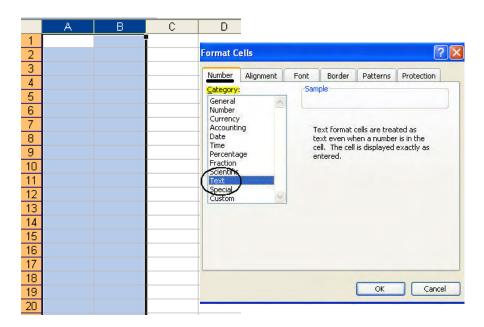


Figure 4-21. Format Excel Spreadsheet for Columns 'A' and 'B'

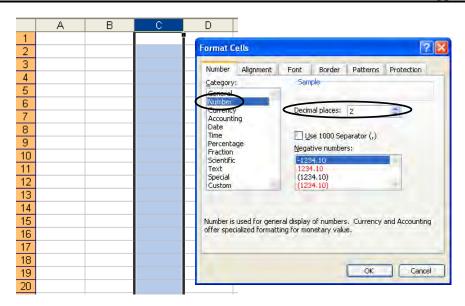


Figure 4-22. Format Excel Spreadsheet for Column 'C'

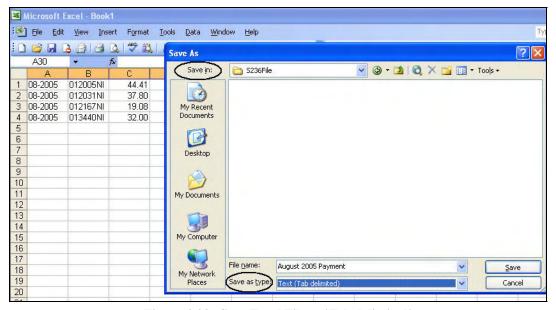


Figure 4-23. Save Excel File as 'Tab delimited'



Figure 4-24. Save Only the Active Sheet

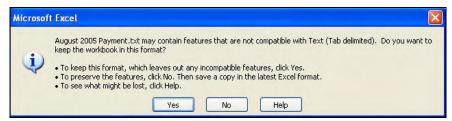


Figure 4-25. Click 'Yes' to Keep This Format

Figure 4-26 illustrates a reminder message for HUD-Held vouchers regarding the local file name format.



Figure 4-26. Local File Name Format for a HUD-Held Voucher

4.2.2.3 Payment Voucher Entry

Once a tab-delimited file has been prepared as described above, the voucher draw process can begin. From the *e*LOCCS Main Menu, select the Payment Voucher Entry hyperlink which will display a Payment Voucher Selection page (Figure 4-27). Simply mark the desired check box next to the grant and click the submit button.



It is worth noting, that LOCCS makes disbursements for the majority of HUD's grant, subsidy, and loan programs, with many programs having unique processing and/or disbursement requirements. Many screens in *e*LOCCS are generic in order to handle the diverse requirements, and the Payment Voucher Selection screen is one of them. Depending on the users authorizations and the number of HUD programs the organization participates in, the Payment Voucher Selection screen will display all the available grants/subsidy/loans across all the available HUD programs for that organization. This is why the headings on the screen show Grant No., Authorized, Disbursed, and Balance. Most Service Providers will not receive any other payments from LOCCS other than the S236 Program, which is why there probably will only be one entry in the voucher selection. With most HUD programs, the organization makes its request at a grant level, specifying the grant and program from which it wishes to perform a drawdown. Since the S236 program essentially submits a single voucher for the "portfolio," there is simply a check box for the S236 program indicating the user wants to begin S236 draw process.

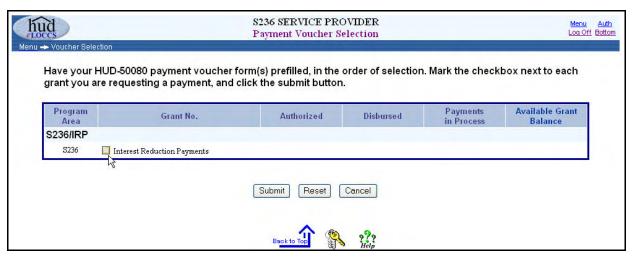


Figure 4-27. Payment Voucher Selection

The Voucher Entry page will be displayed (Figure 4-28) with two required fields: (1) a Voucher Period using the 'mm-yyyy' date format and (2) the expected tab-delimited payment file containing the Service Provider's project information request for payment. Service Providers must prepare this payment file offline in a tab-delimited format described in Section 4.2.2.1. Enter the Voucher Period and then click on the Browse button to locate the file from your network (Figure 4-29). Select the tab-delimited file and click open.

The imported file (Figure 4-30) can be viewed for confirmation by clicking 'View File' button. (**Note:** If you are prompted with 'Do you want to open or save this file?', click the open button to view.) Click on the 'File Upload' button when ready to import and begin *e*LOCCS payment file processing.

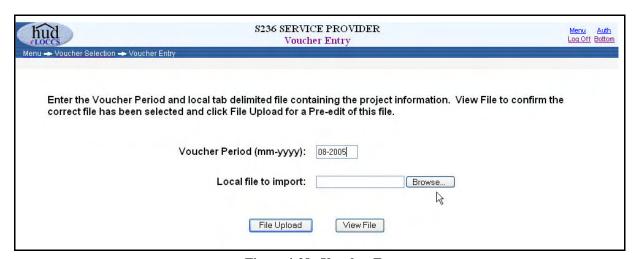


Figure 4-28. Voucher Entry

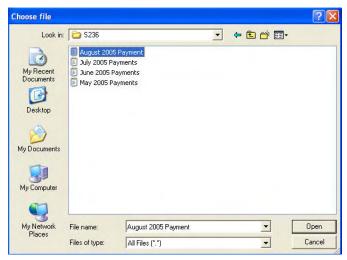


Figure 4-29. Network of Files

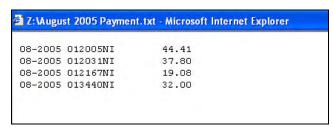


Figure 4-30. View of Imported File

*e*LOCCS has two file processing stages that the payment file will pass through before a payment voucher request is made: The **pre-edit of the payment file** and the **final processing of the payment file**. The processing stages are detailed in subsections below.

4.2.2.3.1 Stage I - Pre-Edit of Voucher Payment File

After selecting the File Upload button, *e*LOCCS initially performs a pre-edit on the payment file before final submission for processing. The primary purpose of the pre-edit phase is to validate that the file selected is in the correct format and that all the requested payments in the file are for the specified voucher period from the Voucher Entry screen. Subsidy periods <u>cannot</u> be mixed in the same request file. If there is a need to request subsidy payments for 2 months at the same time, two vouchers must be entered with two separate tab-delimited files imported. Also, a voucher cannot be submitted for a period that is more than 1 month in the future. For example, a '12-2005' voucher cannot be submitted prior to '11-01-2005'.

The pre-edit phase also provides the final opportunity to visually validate the file that was selected. *e*LOCCS will sum the subsidy amounts in the file and provide a count of the projects being requested. Along with the voucher summary tab, a detail tab will display the detail project information.

There are two possible Payment Voucher pre-edit outcomes returned by *e*LOCCS – either the pre-edit was successful or it was not. If any pre-edit errors are detected, *e*LOCCS will not allow final submission of the voucher. The errors in the file must be corrected outside of *e*LOCCS and re-imported for pre-edit processing again. Upon a successful pre-edit phase, *e*LOCCS will display a 'Submit' button which will submit the voucher for final LOCCS processing. Figure 4-31 and Figure 4-32 illustrate a successful pre-edit phase, and Figure 4-33 and Figure 4-34 show a failed pre-edit scenario.

Successful Pre-Edit Payment File

After a successful pre-edit of the payment file, a Summary tab of the S236/IRP Payment voucher will be displayed indicating that the pre-editing of the file was successful. Figure 4-31 illustrates a payment voucher request of \$476,918.34 for 11 projects. A View Data tab is available to view all the projects in the file (Figure 4-32).



Figure 4-31. Voucher Entry – Pre-Editing

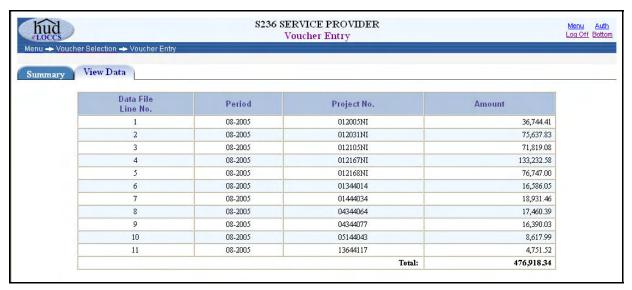


Figure 4-32. View Data Screen

Unsuccessful Pre-Edit Payment File

If the file pre-edit payment file was unsuccessful, a Payment Voucher page (Figure 4-33) with a 'Stop Sign' and message will appear, indicating that there were pre-edit errors during the file pre-edit process. Click on the Pre-Edit errors tab for a description of the errors. The errors are noted in the Remarks section of Figure 4-34.

In this example (Figure 4-33 and Figure 4-34), the user entered a voucher payment period of '09-2005' on the initial Voucher Entry page. However, the payment voucher period on the imported file is '08-2005'. Users should verify information so that both period dates correspond and then re-import for processing.

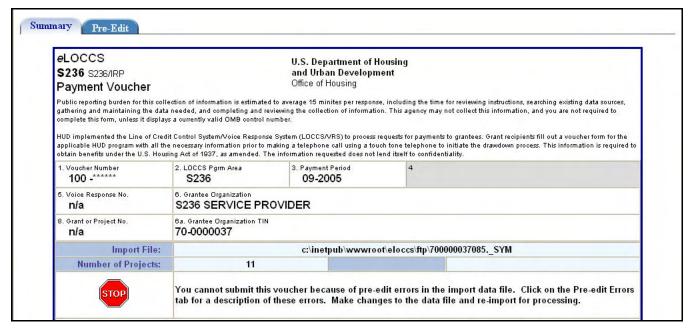


Figure 4-33. Payment Voucher Page Noting Pre-edit Errors

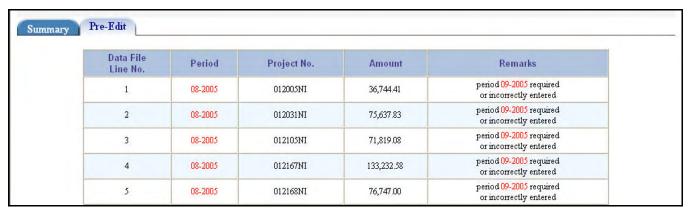


Figure 4-34. Pre-Edit Errors Page with Remarks

4.2.2.3.2 Stage 2 - Final Processing of Payment File

Once a payment voucher has successfully passed the pre-edit stage, the voucher is ready to be submitted for final processing/validation stage. Click 'Submit' on the Voucher Entry page, Figure 4-31.

*e*LOCCS will validate the projects submitted to confirm that they are a payment of record to the Service Provider. *e*LOCCS also validates that the project amount requested does not exceed the cumulative authorized project's payment scheduled amount for that period.



For files that contain large number of projects, for example, 200 or more records, *e*LOCCS will confirm the receipt and acceptance of this voucher only. Because of the number of projects in this request, processing will be scheduled off-line. You will be notified via email of the final processing outcome once *e*LOCCS processing has completed.

There are <u>three</u> possible voucher outcomes returned by eLOCCS after a payment voucher has been submitted for final processing.

- Approved Voucher Page -eLOCCS approved all projects for payment.
- Rejected Voucher Page eLOCCS rejected all projects for payment.
- Approved/Rejected Combination eLOCCS approved/rejected projects for payment.

In the first outcome, Figure 4-35, *e*LOCCS has accepted and approved all 11 projects for one total voucher payment of \$476,918.34 to the Service Provider. The estimated deposit date on which funds will be wired appears at the bottom of the Voucher Entry form. To view the project payment information, click on the View Data tab.

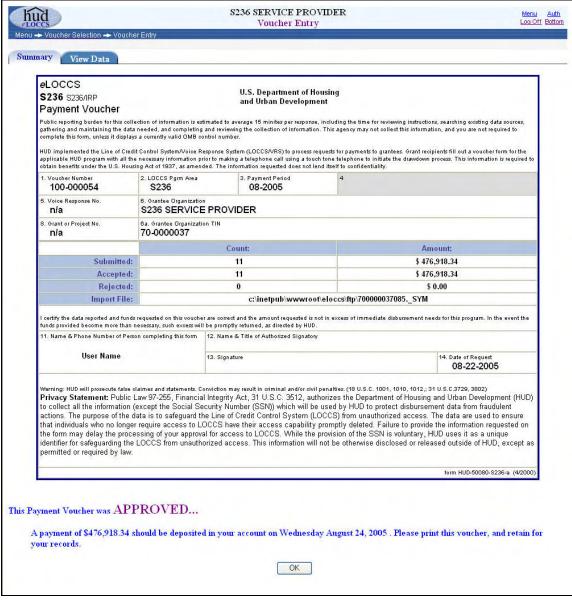


Figure 4-35. Approved Voucher Entry Form

In the second outcome, Figure 4-36, *e*LOCCS has rejected and canceled all 11 projects for payment to the Service Provider. Click on the Errors tab to view a description (Figure 4-37) of errors *e*LOCCS found. The remarks column in Figure 4-37 indicates that all projects were rejected because there were invalid project numbers.



Figure 4-36. Canceled Voucher Entry Summary

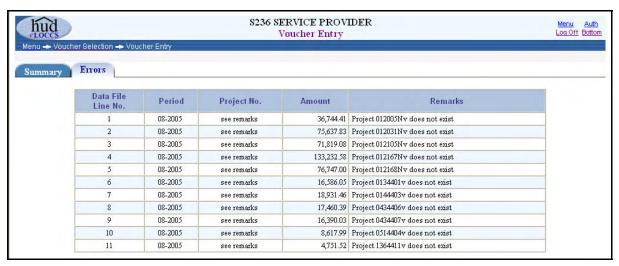


Figure 4-37. Voucher Entry Errors Screen

In the third outcome, Figure 4-38, there were 11 projects submitted. *e*LOCCS accepted/approved 10 projects for payment and rejected/canceled 1 project. Click on the Errors tab to view errors (Figure 4-39). The Remarks column indicates that Project 012005NI has been rejected because the cumulative request of \$36,888.41 exceeds the subsidy of \$36,744.41 scheduled for that period.



Multiple subsidy requests for the same project and period will be accepted by LOCCS as long as the cumulative requests do not exceed the subsidy amount.

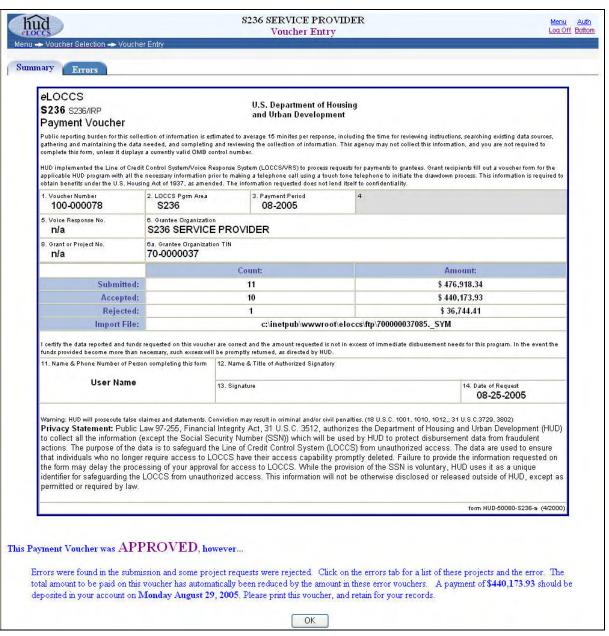


Figure 4-38. Voucher Entry with Accepted and Rejected Requests



Figure 4-39. Voucher Entry Errors

4.2.2.4 Cancel Voucher

Users who have the authority to create a voucher request can cancel that request prior to LOCCS payment processing. The Cancel Voucher option is accessed from the Main Menu. When this option is selected, *e*LOCCS will display any outstanding unpaid vouchers that may be canceled (Figure 4-40). Select the cancel icon under the Action Column and a list of projects for that voucher will appear (Figure 4-41). Users have the ability to cancel an entire voucher or specific projects from the voucher request. In this example, the voucher has 11 projects that can be individually selected for cancellation. After marking the desired boxes next to projects for cancellation, enter a reason, and click the Submit button (Figure 4-41). Another voucher may now be entered against the project, if needed.

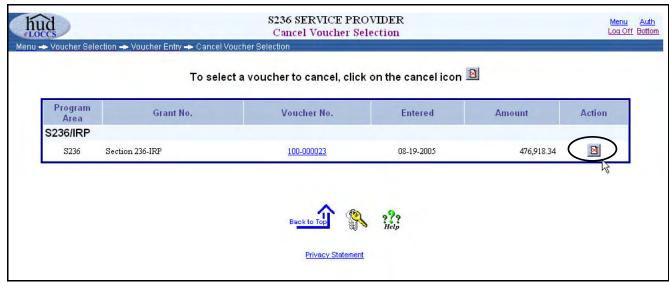


Figure 4-40. Cancel Voucher Selection Screen

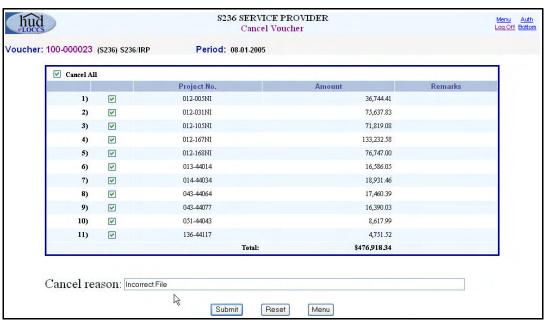


Figure 4-41. Projects List on Cancel Vouncher

4.2.3 Miscellaneous

4.2.3.1 Maintain Email Addresses

The Maintain Email Addresses screen allows users to add/update the primary email address for the user's organization if it has not been provided (Figure 4-42). The purpose of maintaining the primary email address is to receive notifications of HUD funding activities that impact the Business Partner projects in a portfolio. The Business Partner maintains both the email address repository list and the *e*LOCCS distribution of reports that each email address will receive.

To perform email address updates, users must be assigned the FHA LOCCS 'Administrator' role. See Section 2.1.2, Assigning *e*LOCCS application Roles in FHA Connection. This will allow the *e*LOCCS options, the Maintain Email Addresses, and Maintain Email Assignments to appear as hyperlinks on the *e*LOCCS Main Menu page.

By clicking on the Maintain Email Addresses from the Main Menu, an entry page is displayed with an upper and lower section (Figure 4-42). The upper section specifies the primary LOCCS email address for the Business Partner. This email address automatically receives all LOCCS email; no specific email assignment is necessary. For this reason, it is suggested that the primary email address be a generic email mailbox for the organization. This type of mailbox has the benefit of being accessible by multiple individuals. To update your primary email address, click the 'Update Primary' button on Figure 4-42. The 'Update Primary Email Address' screen (Figure 4-43) appears; enter the email for the organization. Users can add additional email addresses by clicking on the 'Add Additional' button on the 'Maintain Email Addresses' Screen (Figure 4-42).

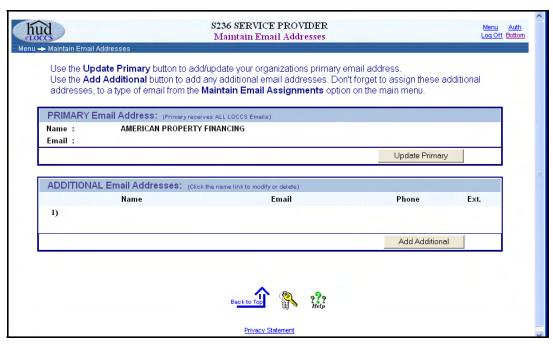


Figure 4-42. Maintain Email Addresses Screen



Figure 4-43. Update Primary Email Address Screen

4.2.3.2 Maintain Email Assignments

The 'Maintain Email Assignments' page allows a user to map additional email addresses other than the primary email address to specific emails generated by LOCCS. A user may choose between two presentations of the mapping: (1) By Addressee and (2) By Type of Email via radio button. Figure 4-44 depicts the email user By Addressee with the type of emails selected.



Figure 4-44. Maintain Email Assignments By Addressee

When the presentation is 'By Type of Email', the type email (Figure 4-45) appears as a hyperlink along with users that could be assigned to the email. Clicking on a 'Type of Email' hyperlink will display a description of the email as well as a sample email.

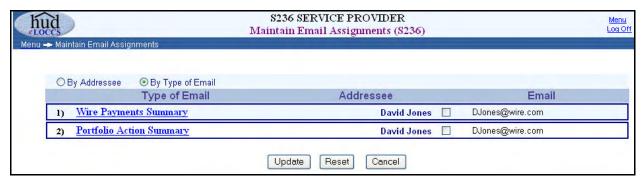


Figure 4-45. Maintain Email Assignments By Type

4.2.3.3 Payment Schedule Extract

This option allows users to request a payment schedule extract of all the projects currently in their portfolio. The payment schedule extract will be generated in a tab-delimited file format as an attachment to the Primary Email address, along with any additional addresses.

To perform this task, select the 'Payment Schedule Extract' link from the *e*LOCCS Main Menu; the email payment schedule page will be displayed (Figure 4-46). Mark the check box next to the name(s) to whom the payment schedule extract is to be delivered and click 'Submit'. By default, the primary email address will be included.

If there are additional addresses that you wish to have the email sent to, use the Maintain Email Addresses option on the Main Menu to add additional ones.



Figure 4-46. Email Payment Schedule

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5.1 Troubleshooting Tips

The most frequent problem encountered by users is difficulty accessing *e*LOCCS. This is due to the FHA Coordinator's improper setup of *e*LOCCS administrator rights in FHA Connection. Once access has been established in *e*LOCCS through Secure Systems, users report very few problems logging into *e*LOCCS. Listed below are some *e*LOCCS troubleshooting tips, common problems, and resolutions.

• I'm a user and I do not see the *e*LOCCS hyperlink on my Secure Systems Main Menu.

The FHA Coordinator has not assigned either the *e*LOCCS – Query and/or Administrator role to you. The association of these roles will place the LOCCS hyperlink on your Secure Systems Main Menu. Contact your FHA Coordinator for *e*LOCCS application authorization.

• Can I change my password in e LOCCS prior to the 60-day prompt?

Yes. After a program area has been selected from the Authorization page, the Change Password option will be on the left sidebar of any program area menu, directly under the User Profile option.

• I do not have any e-mail options displayed on my LOCCS menu.

You were not assigned the LOCCS – Administrator role by your Coordinator. Have your FHA coordinator add this role to you.

• I do not see a particular program area on the Authorization page, but it shows up on the Grant Portfolio page off the *e*LOCCS main menu.

This means you are authorized for query access only for that program area. To have drawdown capability, add the program area to your HUD-27054 form and forward to your local Program Office for review. The Program Office will, in turn, forward the form to LOCCS Security. The program will then appear on your *e*LOCCS Authorization page after the approval process. To view your LOCCS HUD-27054 security profile, click on the User Profile hyperlink from the left sidebar main menu page.

5.2 Important URL Links

Depending on your URL objective, below are several important links that may quickly assist your online access destination.

FHA Connection (Coordinator or User) Registration Information URL https://entp.hud.gov/clas/info.html

LOCCS VRS Access Authorization HUD-27054 Form http://www.hudclips.org/sub_nonhud/html/forms.htm

*Secure Systems URL Sign On http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/online/reasyst.cfm

*FHA Connection URL Sign On https://entp.hud.gov/clas/index.html

5.3 Help Desk Contact Information

Multiple components and systems support eLOCCS access; therefore, the nature of the particular problem will determine the contact person.

Please use the mailbox at *e*LOCCS <u>LOCCS WEB_COMMENTS@HUD.GOV</u> to relay appropriate information. The following table is a help desk Contact Information by System to determine the help desk appropriate to contact.

Help Desk	System	Contact Information
FHA Connection Help Desk	FHA Connection	Sfadmin@Hud.Gov
eLOCCS Help Desk	eLOCCS	703-506-8229, Ext. 4279
LOCCS Security Office	LOCCS	877-705-7504

^{*}Two sign-on options to *e*LOCCS.